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FWS ISSUES FISHERY OUTLOOK REPORT FOR JULY-SEPTEMBER

Markets for edible fishery products during the third quarter of 1951 are expected to be unsettled but with a fairly firm support, according to the quarterly outlook report released today by the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior.

The report predicts that production in the fisheries will be high and cannery operations at a peak until the end of September, when activities are expected to drop somewhat.

Markets for fishery by-products will be unsettled, especially fish oil and fish meal, with fish liver oils weakest. Cold-storage stocks are expected to increase rapidly and hold at a high volume. Exports of fishery products are forecasted as remaining at a moderately low level, while import volume will be heavy.

With a high consumer demand and plentiful supplies of fishery products on hand, Government controls remain one of the major influences in fishery markets during this third quarter. No forecast is made on their extent and effect.

Tenth in the series, this forecast was prepared by Ralph Russell, economist of the Service's Branch of Commercial Fisheries. It discusses both general situations and specific commodities in some 30 pages illustrated with around 40 charts. The material is based on data collected from a wide variety of sources--representing facts and opinions from authorities in the fishery industry and Government agencies. Material on individual species and products is arranged according to the classifications of salt-water fish, shellfish, fresh-water fish, and by-products.

Copies of the quarterly Outlook for Marketing Fishery Products, July-September 1951, Fishery Leaflet 3361, can be obtained from the Division of Information, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C.

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